



2018 Tyto alba Merlot

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2020-2026

Cost: \$21-23

The 2018 Merlot Tyto Alba was aged for 14 months in used French oak. It comes in at 14% alcohol. Not in bottle much more than a month when tasted, this straightforward Merlot still showed well with some air. More neutral and subtle than the winery's Castelão this issue (typical of the grapes), this might also have more modest structure. It does, however, show some as it airs out. Both are probably best if drunk on the younger side. This is easily approachable now. There isn't a lot of power or serious depth, and there won't be a lot of reward for holding this. On the other hand, it is a lovely house pour that no one can dislike, offered at a nice price. There were 1,111 six-packs produced.